

Security Information

Official Diary

Tuesday, 3 February 1953

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1. Discussed with Amory, [redacted] the status of NIE-59. Agreed with [redacted] suggestion that the disagreement between Intelligence agencies on this Estimate be attacked by (1) proposing a revised paper which would disclaim any intention of covering in the Estimate known economic issues, and (2) proposing a paper covering not only economic but also military and political considerations. If both efforts fail, we shall reconsider our position.

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2. In passing on to [redacted] the results of my talk with [redacted] emphasized the following points:

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a. [redacted] and there is not much interest in Intelligence at this point. Accordingly, recommendations that items be called to the attention of the President should be held to an absolute minimum. Moreover, it was futile to expect Cutler, in view of his other responsibilities, to read detailed analytical Intelligence discussions. It would be the responsibility of O/CI to call important matters to his attention in the form of conclusions.

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b. I felt that [redacted] could be of substantial assistance to [redacted] respecting this Intelligence material, although I did not feel that the time had as yet come to make any final suggestion along this line.

c. As an ultimate arrangement, I felt that the briefing of the NSC on Wednesdays would not substitute for DCI's briefing of the President on Fridays. After things had settled down a bit, I anticipated that we would recommend the re-institution of the Friday briefing by DCI who would be able to elaborate on matters on which [redacted] did not have the time to become expert.

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d. As respects estimates, I plan to send the next one to [redacted] with the recommendation that the entire estimate be brought to the President's attention, although, as a minimum, he could be asked to read the Conclusions only.

3. FOIAb6 In the morning meeting, informed Mr. Dulles as to my conversation with [redacted]

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5. Mr. Dulles also requested an Intelligence appraisal as to the danger to the off-shore Chinese islands from the Chi/Coms and I requested [redacted] to have this prepared by O/NE in connection with O/CI. The paper as received was prepared exclusively by O/NE and was unsatisfactory.

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6. At the request of Mr. Dulles, had [redacted] and [redacted] secure items relating to a Soviet denunciation of Sweden.

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7. Was informed by [redacted] and passed on to Mr. Dulles the fact that current CIA estimates of guerrilla strength in the Chinese mainland were 50,000; that this figure was agreed to by G-2; but that the last coordinated estimate had given this figure at 100,000. I recommended that he use the 50,000 figure in his briefing of the National Security Council.

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8. [redacted] phoned and requested an introduction to General Smith. I indicated that the present time was too jammed for any such thing but undertook to check on the possibilities within the next few weeks. *follow up 2 March*

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9. [redacted] informed me that the agencies desired more time for the Burma estimate (which was scheduled to come up at this Thursday's IAC) and I approved giving the time, even though this would mean cancellation of IAC for this week.

10. Attended NSC Senior Staff meeting.

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